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SUBJECT: FRG VIEWS ON TINDEMANS REPORT

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1. INTERNAL FRG CONSIDERATION OF TINDEMANS REPORT
CONTINUES. STATE SECRETARIES COMMITTEE PLANS TO
REVIEW REPORT ON FEBRUARY 18, AND TO PASS AGREED PAPER
TO CABINET FOR DISCUSSION. FRG WILL RESERVE
MULTILATERAL CONSIDERATION OF TINDEMANS REPORT FOR
EUROPEAN COUNCIL.

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2. RECENT TALKS WITH FONMINISTRY OFFICIALS-DEPUTY

ASSISTANT SECRETARY DITTMAN OF EUROPEAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION DIVISION-TRUMPF, OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR BASIC EC POLICIES; AND WITTE OF POLICY PLANNING OFFICE-- INDICATE THAT FRG REVIEW OF TINDEMANS REPORT FOCUSES ON THESE ITEMS.

A. TWO-TIER APPROACH TO EUROPEAN UNION. FRG CATEGORICALLY REJECTS THIS CONCEPT. OFFICIALS UNDERScore THAT NO FRG SPOKESMAN HAS ECHOED BRANDT'S ENDORSEMENT OF IDEA.

B. COMMON FOREIGN POLICY. FRG AGREES ON NEED TO WORK TOWARD ULTIMATE GOAL. HOWEVER, FRG CANNOT ACCEPT PROSPECT THAT IT WOULD BE OUTVOTED BY MAJORITY ON ISSUES WHICH IT REGARDS AS VITAL TO GERMAN INTERESTS-- E.G., NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

C. US/EC RELATIONS. OFFICIALS STRESS THAT FRG VIEWS CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR US-EC CONSULTATIONS AS SATISFACTORY, AND DOES NOT WANT TO RESUME DEBATE FROM "YEAR OF EUROPE." FRG REPS OPPOSE PROPOSAL THAT COUNCIL APPOINT REP TO DISCUSS US-EC THEY ALSO IMPLICITLY ACKNOWLEDGE WISDOM OF USG HANDS-OFF POLICY UNTIL EUROPEANS TAKE FORMAL STAND ON TINDEMANS REPORT.

D. INSTITUTIONAL. FRG OPPOSES TINDEMANS PROPOSAL THAT COMMISSION PRESIDENT APPOINT OTHER COMMISSIONERS. RE POLITICAL COOPERATION (PC), ONE FRG OFFICIAL WAS DISTURBED BY RECOMMENDATION TO MAKE PC A LEGAL OBLIGATION, ARGUING THAT TO INSTITUTIONALIZE PC GOAL OF COORDINATION--MODEST IN COMPARISON TO COMMITMENTS IN ROME TREATY AND REAL ACHIEVEMENTS IN CUSTOMS UNION AND CAP--WOULD CONSTITUTE SIGNIFICANT RETREAT FROM ULTIMATE GOAL OF UNION.

E. ENERGY. FRG BELIEVES THAT "ROME FORMULA" FROM LAST EUROPEAN COUNCIL HAS EFFECTIVELY SHIFTED PRESSURE FROM FRANCE TO UK. FRG GENERALLY AGREES WITH LANGUAGE ON ELEMENTS OF EC ENERGY POLICY.
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F. DEFENSE. FRG OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE THAT TINDEMANS PROPOSALS ON SECURITY ARE MODEST BUT SUPPORT THEM. AT SAME TIME, THEY NOTE THAT MORE MEANINGFUL WORK IS GOING OUTSIDE EC CONTEXT IN FIELD OF ARMS PRODUCTION COOPERATION TALKS.

3. IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT FRG PRIVATE OPINION

ON TINDEMANS REPORT IS SOMEWHAT RESERVED, AS WORKING
LEVEL OFFICIALS WRESTLE WITH ITS SPECIFIC RECOMMENDA-
TIONS. HOWEVER, PUBLIC FRG COMMENT ON TINDEMANS
REPORT CONTINUES TO BE POSITIVE. WILLY BRANDT'S
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WILL BE CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION
TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN 1978 HAS HELPED TO
REINFORCE PUBLIC FRG IDENTIFICATION AS FOREMOST
PROPONENT OF MOVING AHEAD TO EUROPEAN UNION.
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